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# Lipman/Watson respond to Whitman fiasco



Senator Wynona Lipman

tant issue is not Mr. McCarthy himself, but Mrs. Whitman's complicity in retaining his services. Watson called on black leaders to spread the word that Mrs. Whitman's initial hiring of McCarthy, and her support of him even after his departure, is a wake-up call for New Jersey's African-American community.

Dear Mrs. Whitman,

I am writing to convey to you my strong disapproval of Mr. Larry McCarthy's brief tenure as media consultant for your gubernatorial campaign. Mr. McCarthy's deplorable record of divisive politics serves only to discredit your cause.

As both a member of the state Senate and an African-American citizen of New Jersey, I take your decision to hire him as a personal affront.

For approximately 24 hours, you consistently defended Mr. McCarthy's role in your campaign. You call him a professional and appealed the pub-

*"McCarthy has been an architect of a campaign that pit Americans against Americans. Clearly, the only thing that motivates the Whitman camp to act is public opinion."*

lic to discern his personal views from yours. You said that he had not left on his own, he would have been welcomed to remain.

The simple fact of the matter is that Mr. McCarthy is the father of the Willie Horton commercial and the

master technician in a game of racial divisiveness and stereotyping.

When you invited him to play a leading role in your campaign, you embraced both the method and message of his past work. You sent a signal to the African-American community that betrayed insensitivity and arrogance.

While Mr. McCarthy has departed from your state, his hiring remains an unsettling reminder of the politics of hate that Americans rejected last November. What strikes me as even more offensive than your refusal to hire Mr. McCarthy is your decision to denounce him.

In all of your statements and interviews, you express support for him. This can only mean that you endorse and are not uncomfortable with using the deplorable scare tactics for which Mr. McCarthy is so notorious.

New Jersey has no room for the Larry McCarthy of this world, nor should it be forced to entertain the offensive breed of gutter politics that he represents.

I hope that we have seen the last of your ultra-conservative messengers of hate. I have grave doubts about your sincerity on issues pertaining to race relations. I can only hope that you will focus on the real issues that affect New Jerseyans.

Thank you for your time and consideration  
Sincerely,  
Wynona M. Lipman  
Senator, 29th District

Dear Friend:

I am writing to convey to you my deep concern and frustration regarding the recent actions of Christine Todd Whitman's gubernatorial

campaign.

While she falsely tries to portray herself as a populist candidate with a monopoly on inclusiveness, Mrs. Whitman has proven herself to be a willful and eager in the traditional Republican game of "Divide and Conquer."

This week, Mrs. Whitman hired as her media consultant Mr. Larry McCarthy, the creator of the notorious Willie Horton commercial. Mr. McCarthy also produced a commercial supporting the confirmation of her judge Clarence Thomas, his ad was clearly aimed at discrediting Anita Hill.

Last week, under public fire, the Whitman campaign announced Mr.

McCarthy's withdrawal from the campaign. I know that you will agree with me that Mrs. Whitman's initial hiring of Mr. McCarthy is nothing but a blatant sign of her disregard for New Jersey's minority communities.

Mr. McCarthy has been an architect of a campaign that pits Americans against Americans. The public outcry that greeted the announcement of Mr. McCarthy's hiring reaffirms my belief that the people of our state are above the abhorrent, racial scare tactics to which troubled Whitman campaign so enthusiastically resorts to when it needs a boost.

I am not satisfied by Mr. McCarthy's withdrawal. This move smacks of disingenuous opportunism

on the part of the Whitman campaign. Mrs. Whitman knew about Mr. McCarthy's record; she understood the implications.

Clearly, the only thing that motivates the Whitman camp to act is public opinion. Even now, Mrs. Whitman says she stands by her choice of Mr. McCarthy and defers to his "professional" judgment in leaving.

The truth of the matter is that Mr. McCarthy's professionalism is limited to divisive politics. Mrs. Whitman refuses to admit that she seriously erred in hiring him. This conduct is neither becoming of a candidate for high office nor acceptable to the people of New Jersey.

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## Orange hosts fifth annual senior picnic



Marilyn Smith (standing) coordinator of Orange Older Adult services provides cool refreshments to seniors who whitened the heat attending Orange's fifth annual senior picnic.

ORANGE—The Orange Reservoir looked like a resort area with balloons, tents and music as approximately two hundred Orange senior citizens enjoyed the delights of the Fifth Annual Mayor Robert L. Brown's Senior Citizens' Picnic.

Notwithstanding the sweltering heat, the event, coordinated by the Orange Office of Older Adult Services, provided something for everyone.

"Thanks to those who came out to join and be with friends. Accolades to the Office of Older Adults as well as the team efforts from representatives of each City department along with City Officials who volunteered to provide service to this event; all contributed to the

success of this day," commented Mayor Brown.

Lunch was followed by the upbeat sounds of the Drum prevention police singing group, "Dare to Be Different". CHR-ILL, which provides patient care for seniors, set up a table and provided bags, as well as, Tri State Ambulance and Vanpool Medical Transportation.

"I started not to come due to the heat but changed my mind. I drove up with two other seniors and had a wonderful time. It was 'as warm as I thought. I am glad I changed my mind," stated Senior citizen Bertha Childs.

For information on other activities sponsored by the Office of Older Adults contact (201) 266-4048.

## A lesson to learn Linden democratic primary shows need to politically educate our youth

by Kireck Williams

The precluding events and end result of the recent Fourth Ward Democratic Primary is a perfect example of why it is important to politically educate African-American youth in the most local form of government to its heads, and about the powers that control it.

In the Sunday Star-Ledger of July 4th, report Nicholas Veronesi outlined in print what politically aware African-Americans had known, but did not have the access to prove. The Fourth Ward race of Linden was decided by outside forces.

Linden Mayor John Gregorio, who had been convicted on tax charges and alleged by the FBI to be a mobster, had a problem. That thorn in his side was a city councilman by the name of William Motley.

William Motley has been an archrival of Mayor John Gregorio, and a champion of the African-American people of the fourth Ward. When you are an enemy of Mayor Gregorio, you are also an enemy of the Democratic machine that runs eastern Union County.

Motley and fellow councilman Gerald Greene fought vigorously against the mayor's plan to use police dogs for crowd control, basically in

the Fourth Ward, their cause went as far as the state legislature, where they introduced a bill to re-evaluate the use of K-9 units.

Councilman Motley also fought against the planned low-level radioactive waste incinerator in Linden, the monopoly of the Linden landfill by Union County Utilities Authority and limiting the Council's public meetings to once a month instead of twice.

This African-American politico was becoming a bigger problem for the powers-that-be because he now was running for a state assembly seat against the party line. The party had to use Motley in his power-base of the Fourth Ward. They had to get a controllable candidate to oppose him. A stooge in harness terms, an Uncle Tom sell-out. Enter thirty-two year old Derek Armstead.

Armstead had unsuccessfully run three years ago on Mayor John Gregorio's ticket to unseat Councilman Motley. Armstead spent at least \$5,000 on this campaign, most of which was funded by Neil Cohen and Joseph Sullia, opponents of William Motley, in his race for state assembly. They brought up a young lady named Lisa Howard from Virginia to help run his campaign. You can believe that Union County big boss, State Senator Ray Lesniak, also

had his hand in the plan.

The Cohen, Sullia, Gregorio, Armstead team went after the most uninformed, politically ignorant group possible: the African-American generation from age eighteen to early thirties, especially the males.

The Cohen, Sullia, Gregorio, Armstead team paid youth from outside of Linden to go door to door for their cause. While registering a mass of new, young voters, Armstead promised jobs which do not exist and he has no control over.

Armstead defeated Councilman Motley almost two to one behind the vote of the younger generation. The result shocked the elders of the Fourth Ward, who usually were the main voters in this area. Since there is no Republican nominee, Armstead will run unopposed in the November election. Mr. Armstead's actions are the epitome of El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz's example of a house nigger. What else would you call a black man who would collaborate with someone who wanted to sick dogs on his children? African-Americans must be aware of their Armsteads of our community, the ones who have sold us out since the first Armsteads landed on the continent of Africa.

So who's to blame for the Fourth Ward outcome? The elders must (continued on page 3)

## Congressman Payne announces \$250,000 HUD grant for Irvington

IRVINGTON — Congressman Donald Payne announced that the Irvington Housing Authority recently received a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Public and Indian Housing Drug Elimination Program.

According to Executive Director, Patricia Weston Rivera, "This is the first time the Irvington Housing Authority has applied for a drug elimination grant from HUD and we received it on the first try."

The Irvington Housing Authority has an ambitious plan for the

moneys that will target the 10 low-rise family units on Union avenue.

The moneys will be used to purchase six state of the art computers with sound and video to be used in conjunction with their on site educating program. They will offer courses for young people to learn about their bodies and recreation.

The moneys will also be used for tenant services and to provide counseling for those residents who might need the assistance. Members of the Irvington "Jobs in Blue" police officers program will work on site

security from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Congressman Payne said, "I am pleased to see that Irvington has received these funds from HUD, to help the 10th Congressional District stem the tide of drugs into our community. I have long been an advocate of public housing, but I feel it is important to make all public housing complexes safe, secure, and drug free."

"It is important that these types of programs are available to young people so that they will have activities to keep them out of the grips of the drug trade."

## Ancestors give entrepreneur the winning edge

PATERSON—When Mary Hodges Smith was growing and shipping her homegrown strawberries from Virginia to New York in the early 1900's, she never imagined that her story would be the inspiration for a winning entry submitted by her great-granddaughter.

Shirley Frazier, president of Sweet Survival, was exhibiting at New York's Black Expo '93 when she learned that her company had been nominated one of the Home Office Computing Best Businesses of 1993.

Her entry was one chosen from hundreds of essays submitted in this annual contest, and the only entry chosen from New Jersey. The success at the Expo coupled with the news of being a contest winner "is a dream come true," stated Frazier.

Ms Frazier opened her specialty

gift company in 1989 to provide an alternative to traditional gifts for her clients. Servicing both corporations and individuals, her custom gift packages have been delivered as a birthday present for a reporter, as well as the governor and First Lady of the Virgin Islands for their first anniversary.

Since women business owners are the fastest growing segment in the small business economy, Ms. Frazier feels that teaching is one way to give back to the community what her ancestors have helped her to achieve.

This fall, Ms. Frazier will be teaching a new workshop entitled, "Women-Owned Businesses—Part-Time Beginnings to Full-Time Reality," at Passaic County Community College's Continuing Education Department.



Shirley Frazier, president of Sweet Survival, displays her wide variety of gift items at Expo '93. Photo by Joan George

The course will provide a myriad of practical information, basic business needs, finding resources and more. To assist women in fulfilling their dreams of establishing a business while working at a full-time,

"paid position.

For information regarding the upcoming workshop, contact Passaic County Community College at (201) 684-6153 or Sweet Survival at (201) 279-2799.

## Community Calendar

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

WAYNE—William Paterson College sponsors a Summer Institute in Early Childhood Education for Preschool and Primary Grade Teachers and Supervisors. All sessions must have pre-registration, credits available. For fee and further information call Julie Barner 201-995-2436.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

PLAINFIELD—The Diabetes Center of NJ is accepting enrollments for the "Weight No More... Lose It and Love It" class. The course will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center. For more info, call 908-688-2040.

### TUESDAY, JULY 27

PLAINFIELD—The Board of Education of the City of Plainfield will conduct a Committee discussion meeting at Plainfield HS in the conference room at 7 p.m. Meeting is open to the media and public.

EAST ORANGE—Plaza Village Community Market from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at City Hall Plaza. For more info, call 201-266-5147.

GREEN BROOK—Greenbrook Manor Nursing in Green Brook invites the public to participate in a Baby Contest, at 10 a.m. at the nursing home. Rain date is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28 at 10 a.m. For more info, call 908-968-5500.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

EDISON—The Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at the JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute, will offer free information session, that will describe the use and selection of assistive listening devices. Session starts at 7:30 p.m. For more info, call 908-321-7053.

### SATURDAY, JULY 31

FANWOOD—Flea Market sponsored by the St. Luke's AME Zion Church of Westfield from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Train Station. For info call 908-232-9038.

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Public Library will be having Literacy tutor training workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Library is located on 8th St. at Park Ave. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Celebrate "A New Dawn" of cooperation, communication, and diversity at this year's Open House at the Rutgers' Display Garden, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info, call 908-937-2990.

### THURSDAY, JULY 15

RUTHERFORD—The William Center For The Arts and the Williams Center Repertory Theater will be having a class on "Introduction to Video," every Thursday night from 7 to 9 p.m. Fee \$125. For more info, call 1-800-938-4932.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 2

EDISON—Application deadlines for the

Fall 1993 semester at Middlesex County College are fast approaching. Students interested in applying for an associated degree or certificate program must apply no later than Aug. 2. For more info, call 908-906-2510.

PLAINFIELD—Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center will sponsor Early Pregnancy classes. Classes cost \$20. Pre-registration is required. For more info, call 908-688-2353.

PLAINFIELD—Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center will sponsor Lamaze classes. Classes cost \$55. Pre-registration is required. For more info, call 908-688-2353.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

WATCHUNG—The Arts Committee of the Watchung Arts Center will be showing "Daydreams and Nightmares," the Watchung Arts Center on the Watchung Circle, just off Rt. 22 Runs thru the 20th. For more info, call 908-753-0190.

NEWARK—Washington Commons Development Corporation will be holding its next meeting at 540 Broad Street, 5th Floor. For more info, call 201-646-0782.

PLAINFIELD—Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center will sponsor Lamaze class. Class cost \$55. Pre-registration is required. For more info, call 908-688-2353.

PLAINFIELD—Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center will sponsor Infant Care class. Class cost \$30. Pre-registration

is required. For more info, call 908-688-2353.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

PLAINFIELD—Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center will sponsor Lamaze classes. Classes cost \$55. Pre-registration is required. For more info, call 908-688-2353.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Health Center will be having a lecture session on "Diabetes," the lectures are free and will be held at the Plainfield Senior Citizens Center, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. For additional info, call 908-753-6488.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

PHILADELPHIA—The Philadelphia Chapters of The Virginia State University Alumni Association is hosting the Second Annual National Alumni Convention. For further info, call 215-259-0138 or 202-524-5205.

EAST ORANGE—Plaza Village Community Market from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at City Hall Plaza. For more info, call 201-266-5147.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

EAST ORANGE—4th Ward Core Watch Community Family Day at Oval Park, located on Eaton Plaza and North Grove St., behind Kenton School. Time will be from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more info, call 201-266-5252.

## Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Look in the mirror, what do you see?

Before we criticize someone else, we should look in the mirror. The next two columns are a test that you should use in order to determine if you have some ugly demons lurking in your personality that threaten to ruin every relationship that you will ever have with other people—on your job, in your private life, or just casual acquaintances. These relationships, and the way that you handle them, could mean enormous happiness or eternal unhappiness for you. If you exhibit any of the following behaviors, change them immediately because they could be the cause of your unhappiness.

1. "I go to church regularly and believe in a supreme being, but I can't control my behavior. I can't stop myself from hurting people's feelings. I can't help myself."

This is usually just a weak cop-out. If you believe that you should treat people the way you want to be treated, stop talking about it and do it. You can control your behavior, if you really want. You can be nice to people, if you really want. If you fail to do the right thing, your behavior is not only ugly, it is ungodly.

2. "I criticize other people for even the smallest mistake. I criticize them even when no mistake is made or for other people's mistakes, so that I can blame them."

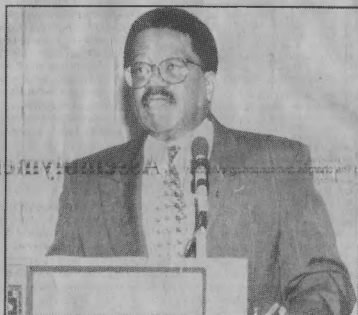
This person is pathological and has caused a lot of people emotional turmoil. He (or she) cannot maintain a long-term relationship with another person, and/or hold a job for a very long time. This person is clearly in need of psychological counseling.

3. "I often find myself trying to control every aspect of someone else's behavior. I must have everything my way. I get damn angry, if a person doesn't do exactly what I want."

This individual is, in effect, a weak person who has very low self-esteem. This person is a bully and is destined to have a long trail of disappointing relationships and subsequent unhappiness. What normal person wants to be controlled by someone else?

Send letters to Dr. Charles W. Faulkner c/o City News, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

## Irvington superintendent honored by NAFEO



Irvington Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Rodgers M. Lewis

IRVINGTON—Dr. Rodgers M. Lewis, Superintendent of Irvington Public Schools, was recently named one of the 1993 Distinguished Alumni of the Year by the National Association For Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), an award which recognizes graduates of historically Black institutions.

Lewis was also recently named

Who's Who in American Education. He was the recipient of the Outstanding Black Educators Award presented by the Long Island Black Educators Association.

The distinguished alumnus was honored with fellow-recipients at the group's Annual Leadership Banquet held in Washington, D.C. in April.

## NHA launches clean-up campaign

NEWARK—Newark Housing Authority (NHA) Executive Director Harold Lucas announced recently that the NHA has launched a newly-created "Partners in Pride Program" that allows 210 residents who live in various NHA public housing complexes to be hired to perform routine maintenance at all NHA complexes.

Designed to improve living conditions at all NHA complexes, the eight-week program was initiated by Lucas and is a joint venture of the NHA and the Newark Tenants Council, Inc.

The program participants, who were recommended by the president of the tenant association of each complex, currently work 18 hours a week assisting maintenance staff in cleaning the common areas and grounds at 33 NHA complexes at an hourly rate of \$6.50.

According to Lucas, the program is a part of the Newark Housing Authority's commitment to provide residents initiatives and to encourage our residents to become actively involved in enhancing the overall appearance of our complexes.

"Not only will it help residents, but it will also help the Housing Authority in our ongoing efforts to achieve better living conditions for residents. We hope that they will serve as ambassadors of their re-

spective complexes and promote civic pride in their neighbors. Ambassadors who maintained their complexes in an exceptional manner will be recognized at a special awards ceremony at the end of the program."



Jose Colon



Barbara Marrow

## NJ Blood Center employees receive service awards

EAST ORANGE—Jose Colon and Barbara Marrow of Newark, were honored recently by the North Jersey Blood Center for years of service. Colon, a driver from the Operations Department, has worked with the Center for 10 years. Barbara Marrow, a data entry operator from the Information Systems Department, has worked for the Center for 5 years. Both workers accepted their award from Blood Center President and CEO, Robert D. Rowan. The Blood Center supplies blood and blood products to over 40 hospitals in Northern and Central New Jersey.

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## National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

**Black Congress leads anti-poverty budget fight:** Members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) are leading a legislative fight against President Clinton's anti-poverty budget initiative. In fact, they may be fighting harder than Clinton himself. In a letter to the president recently, the CBC in an estimated 39 caucus members for the rest of his budget plan. The letter labeled several anti-poverty proposals as "non-priorities." The President is coming under heavy pressure from republicans and conservative democrats to abandon at least some of his anti-poverty proposals.

The president's package totals \$41.5 billion and includes money for reform of the stamp program, tax breaks for low-income people and spending for urban enterprise zones. When asked if the black caucus was trying to hold the president's budget "hostage" to its demands, New York representative Charles Rangel responded: "I don't like the word 'hostage.' Like the black political movement, we're not going to let the president's budget take away from the people's right to live." —WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Anti-smoking campaign targets blacks:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently announced a national public campaign aimed at encouraging African Americans to kick the smoking habit. The CDC also released a study showing that 35 percent of blacks (29% than whites (25.6%) continue to smoke. The six major causes of death for blacks are heart disease and stroke. The CDC's campaign will include a \$2,000,000 anti-smoking campaign. —ATLANTA, GA

**Conservative line up against black nominees:** Anti-abortion and conservative groups announced a strategy early this month to defeat President Clinton's nominees for surgeon general, his premier stateside physician, and his health secretary. The 59-year-old black pediatrician charges that conservatives are distorted in their record, but she added that she had no intention of changing her beliefs, stating, "I have every intention to be there with you and to help you be there." —WASHINGTON, D.C.

**African AIDS cases said to be "grossly overestimated":** There is a growing body of evidence that the number of AIDS cases in central Africa has been grossly overstated. That charge is coming from African doctors and is being supported by new research by European experts. The charges and supporting evidence were broadcasted in June in a half-hour program airing on public television stations around the country. For years, the so-called AIDS crisis in Africa has painted a picture of central Africa as overrun with AIDS and HIV infection, with an estimated 50 percent of the population in some states. In addition, several Ugandan doctors charge that AIDS cases such as malaria and tuberculosis were being wrongly called AIDS. One expert said the over-emphasis on AIDS was harmful because attention was being diverted from treatable diseases. —KAMPALA, UGANDA.

**Minority movie awards planned:** In a bid to recognize the achievements of minorities in the movie industry, the first Minority Motion Picture Awards will take place in Los Angeles on September 10. The event is being organized by Tri-Ette Entertainment. Those being awarded will include Eddie Murphy, Halle Berry, John Singleton, Dabole Allan, Chaceo Mariani and Denzel Washington. —LOS ANGELES, CA

**Financial security plan developed for blacks:** Three Years to Financial Security is the name of a recently developed financial self-help program designed to generate greater wealth among African Americans. The program and financial aid is the work of the Better Life Club—a national, non-profit black self-help organization. Club director James Harrison says the program and financial aid is designed to increase the wealth of African Americans and to help them achieve financial security of anyone who adopts it. The free program and aid is available from the Better Life Club, P.O. Box 28422, Washington, D.C. 20038. Interested persons are asked to include \$2.00 to cover postage and handling. —WASHINGTON, D.C.

**Government loses case against white separatists:** The recent acquittal of two white separatists on murder charges has prompted allegations that the federal government mis-handled the case. The acquitted man—Randall Weaver and Kevin Harris—are part of a right-wing movement in northwestern states which uses Old Testament scripture to support a call for the establishment of a "whites only" nation in America. Menzies members have been accused of attacking blacks and other minorities. But Weaver and Harris were charged with a federal August, 1992 shoot out with several authorities, which left one black person dead. But, after 20 days of deliberation, an eight-woman four-man jury found them innocent of all major charges, including murder. Critics accuse the government of mis-handling the case by withholding evidence, and as a result, giving new life to the white separatist movement. —BOISE, IDAHO

**Black student taking more difficult courses:** According to a new report, black high school students are more likely to enroll in more difficult math and science courses. The report shows the percentage of blacks taking algebra I rose from 24 percent to 36 percent during the same period. The report was released by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Science Foundation. —WASHINGTON, D.C.

# UNCF receives multi-million dollar cash gift

NEW YORK—The United Negro College Fund recently announced the donations of four million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars by two prominent American companies. The amount of four million was donated by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. The sum of \$250,000 was donated by the Merrill Lynch & Co. Foundation in the form of an unrestricted grant. The donations were made to help further UNCF's

Campaign 2000: An investment in America's future. One half of the \$4 million gift is in the form of an unrestricted grant to the campaign and the other half is an endowment challenge to support UNCF's proposed Policy Research Institute. Under the terms of the challenge grant, UNCF must secure \$3 million in matching funds by June 30, 1997.

UNCF's Campaign 2000 is designed

to help UNCF's 41 member colleges produce the intellectual capital America will need in the 21st century.

According to William W. White, president of Mott Foundation, "Today, one of the critical problems facing education is lack of access to a higher education for impoverished children whose families have no experience with a college education; yet the preparation of minorities for successful careers in science and tech-

nology, business and finance, and other professions will have a crucial impact on American competitiveness in the coming years."

Chairman and chief executive officer of Merrill Lynch, Daniel P. Tully, reported, "We at Merrill Lynch are delighted to make this investment in the higher education of the minority students who will play such a crucial role in America's future property and competitiveness. Higher

education is the priority of the Merrill Lynch Foundation, and our long-standing support of the United Negro College Fund reflects both our confidence in its member colleges and the importance of their efforts."

Nationwide campaign will be used to create new academic programs, build and renovate facilities, strengthen endowments, develop faculty, and improve overall administration at UNCF's 41 member colleges.

## Black leaders look past threats by hate groups

by James Bolden

A banner above the pulpit of the First Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday greeted worshippers as they entered the freshly painted sanctuary. In spite of all, "it read, 'God's shalom.'"

The sign indicated that nearly a week after a federal an state task force quelled a spirited plot to bomb the prominent South Los Angeles church, good and peace had once again triumphed over evil.

The congregation then proceeded to celebrate with the usual hand-clapping, spirited-filled worship service they're grown accustomed to.

"Hate groups can't succeed unless love groups give them permission," the Rev. Cecil Murray told members and guests of the capacity-filled church.

Murray, according to FBI affidavit, was one of several well-known L.A. area assassinations by the group

known as the Fourth Reich Skinheads. "We must rise or we will make god look bad," said Murray. "There are irrational elements in every segment of Los Angeles society, but the plotters wanted to take it to a level higher."

Eight members of the alleged white supremacist group, including two minors, were arrested in several parts of L.A. county on Thursday July 26.

Various targets listed on the skinhead's local list included famed Alameda resident Rodney Glen King, Brotherhood Crusade President Danny Bakewell, Urban League President John Mack, rapper Easy "E" and several unnamed NAACP leaders.

Reaction from the leaders may have differed in content, but each agreed that the investigation of hate group certainly meant that the struggle

for civil rights is still on.

"What is positive out of this, is that it creates a reinforcement in our community and a validation that the kind of things we are in pursuit of are necessary, there are these voices of evil out there that are trying to promote things that are not healthy," said Bakewell.

Bakewell also noted that there is nothing about his voice that will be removed from the scene, stating that he will not be intimidated; he will not be harassed into silence. That is the play that they try to employ. "That will not happen."

The group, known as the Fourth Reich Skins, (with 30-50 mostly teen age members in L.A. County) reportedly wanted to start a race war by killing a prominent black leader and by spraying the First AME congregation with machine gun fire.

They allegedly plotted to accomplish this during a packed service at the church, according to a criminal

complaint.

The task force, which included agents from FBI, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, netted an arsenal of destructive weapons during the early morning arrests.

Arrested were Christopher Fisher, 20 of Long Beach; Josh Lee, 32 of Costa Mesa; Christian Nadel, 35, and Daniel Nadel, 42, both of Sepulveda; Jeremy Von Riemann, 22 and Jill Scarborough, 22, both of Orange County. The names of minors were not released.

Among the charges were possessing unregistered destructive devices, use of a constructive device to cause damage; and the use of a weapon during and in retaliation to a crime of violence.

Fisher reportedly manufactured the pipe bombs and obtained the weapons that were used to destroy the

church and its parishioners. He faces 45 years in prison.

"The way it was explained to me, brought tears to my eyes," said Rev. Leonard Jackson, an associate minister at the AME church. "They pretty well planned to bomb the church. They discussed possibly coming into the church and shooting it up."

Jackson said he and other officials at the church were notified of the threat just weeks before the arrest, but he received the actual details of the plan he was horrified.

With the exception of Fisher, most of the suspects charged are expected to appear in court August 12. Fisher, the only adult charged with plotting with the Fourth Reich Skins to blow up the AME church will be prosecuted in Long Beach Superior Court.

Meanwhile, authorities say they are aggressively continuing their investigation of the Fourth Reich Skinheads and that they are certain that more arrests will be made in the future.

## Espy launches disadvantaged family farmers program

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy is seeking proposals that will help disadvantaged family farmers stay in business and continue to be an integral economic resource in rural America.

According to Espy, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking proposals from groups such as community-based organizations, historically black 1890 land grant colleges, Indian Tribal community colleges, and native cooperative colleges and Hispanic post secondary institutions.

The USDA set Aug. 1 as a deadline for groups to submit applications. The department, which has \$1 million to award to development of the proposals, will select which applications to fund by the end of September.

"We are committed to helping the small and disadvantaged farmer survive," said Espy. "The number of minority family farmers has been on the decline and we must develop better outreach programs to assist them. The American tradition of the small and diverse family-based farm is an important economic resource to our rural communities."

The disadvantaged family farmers program was announced in the July 2 Federal Register. The program requires the development of five-year comprehensive plans on how to better provide technical assistance and outreach to small and disadvantaged farmers, who make up to 3 percent of the nation's 2 million farmers. Disadvantaged farmers include African-Americans, American Indians, Alaskan natives, Hispanics, Asians, Pacific Islanders and women.

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## Assemblymen announce grant to decrease youth violence

TRENTON — Assemblymen Willie Brown and Jackie R. Mattson of Newark announced recently the award of \$95,414 federal grant to develop and implement a comprehensive community program to reduce violent behavior among 15-24 year-old youths in poverty-stricken areas.

Brown stated that he is pleased that the federal government is assisting our community in an effort to stop circuit the cycle of urban violence.

The grant is part of the Youth Violence Prevention Program which

will cover three areas at high risk of youth violence: Newark, Camden and Paterson. The program will provide for the training of health care professionals in identifying youths at risk of violent behavior.

Mattson stated that violence in the past, was the result of ignoring the urban youths. "The images of Los Angeles still burn brightly in our memories, if health care providers have the skills to identify violent-prone youth they will be able to refer them to community groups where they can find help."

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am confident that

offers these tips to help you reduce your risks of buying a "lemon."

• Take time to find a vehicle that fits your needs and budget. The more time you have, the better chance you'll have of finding a car in good condition at a fair price.

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## AAA offers tips on buying a used car

FLORHAM PARK — Do you need to buy a car but don't have the money for the latest model? Buying a used car can save you money and provide years of useful service, plus it has already undergone depreciation.

Whether you shop for a used car from a new car dealer, independent used car dealer or private owner, the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club

offers these tips to help you reduce your risks of buying a "lemon."

• Take time to find a vehicle that fits your needs and budget. The more time you have, the better chance you'll have of finding a car in good condition at a fair price.

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## Whitman fiasco

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I hope that you will join me in spreading the word among our communities that Christ is the answer. Whitman clearly would govern in the same fashion that she campaigns. She would resort to divisive tactics of the past.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am confident that

together, we will rise above the messengers of hatred and bring the citizens of our state the campaign that they deserve: one based on issues and a vision for the future.

Sincerely,  
James S. Watson  
Assemblyman, 15th District

## Linden lesson

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shoulder the shame. The Cohen, Suliga, Gregorio, Armstead victory is a direct result of our elders not properly teaching their children political awareness.

However, anyone with political knowledge would have to predict that Armstead's council vote has already been bought and paid for by John Gregorio, even if it is at the expense of his people. The youth of the Fourth Ward may have voted Armstead in, but the white ward will have to suffer his tenure.

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## EDITORIAL

## There's racism and then there's racism

During the recent talk shows on CNN, the issue of racism was broached in two separate conversations which in our opinion need some examination.

In the first instance, two reporters were analyzing recent remarks made by Senator Carole Mosley-Brown of Illinois. The senator's remarks were made in relationship to her opposition of use of the Confederate flag by the Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR). She said its use spelled her and other African-Americans who use the Confederate flag as the infamous symbol of inhumanity and degradation of blacks during slavery.

The reporter commented that the Senator was employing cheap tactics and that the flag really didn't do any harm but carried on DAR tradition. Of course as usual, there were no African-Americans to provide viewers with a different interpretation to the opinions of this all white team were allowed to stand as the consensus.

On a different program, moderator the Rev Jesse Jackson, a panel was asked to consider the effect of rap music on young black teens. Low and belated a so-called African-American rap activist said it was all right to use derogatory names when referring to female blacks or advocating violence because of racism. Among the panelists, was a white police chief who succinctly commented on the violence perpetrated on the black community advocated in rap music.

To the Senator, we are fortunate that you are there to respond to the traditions of the "good old boys." Symbols of racism like the Confederate flag are not taken lightly in the African-American community just as Swastikas in the Jewish community are not welcomed. This might have been brought to light had the show had an even balance of reporters.

To our rap activist, you should think again before you sit in the company of the likes of Jesse Jackson and say racism means you advocate violence, sex, and the degradation of women. In our recent past, African-Americans preached hope and positive action. Through these affirmations, African-Americans have made strides. It's only now that African-Americans have allowed the record companies to poison the minds of our young rapsters and rap activists to apply the lethal dose through their lyrics and actions.

To the viewing audience, we suggest you carefully consider what you see and more importantly, what you accept.

## Protest at the NAACP Convention

by James B. and Jacqueline Cissell

On Saturday, July 10, 1993, in Indianapolis, the Concerned Citizens for Traditional Family Values, a group of local and national African-American leaders, manned a picket line outside the Hoosier Dome while the NAACP held its annual national convention inside.

Why were there? On February 20, 1993, early in the morning with no input from local NAACP chapters, the NAACP Executive Board adopted a resolution endorsing the homosexual movement. The

Board urged the lifting of the ban on gays in the military, equated gay and lesbian rights with civil rights and urged the Black community to participate in the April 25 gay rights march on Washington.

When we became aware of the NAACP Executive Board's action, we did several things. First, we contacted local chapters around the country, including the Indianapolis chapter, and asked if they were aware of the Board's action and what, if any, they were going to do about it. We were assured that the local chapters had no idea of what the National Board had

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## Support Elders for Surgeon General

by Robert W. Bogle

Once again an African American woman takes center stage on Capitol Hill in a confirmation battle expected to exceed the political drama and heat of the Lani Guinier controversy.

The confirmation for Dr. Joycelyn Elders as the first African American U.S. Surgeon General was scheduled for Friday, July 16, before the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.

A vast array of conservative forces, the same people who dominated the Republican National Convention in Houston last summer, have been mobilizing for full warfare to defeat the nomination of Dr. Elders in the Senate, either in committee or on the senate floor.

No one can raise any legitimate questions about the outstanding qualifications of this dedicated public health professional, pediatrician, and persuasive advocate for changes in health care services.

Dr. Elders has attracted national attention for extraordinary leadership as Director of the Arkansas State Health Department.

Dr. Elders is now the prime tar-

get of such ultra-conservative and Christian fundamentalist group as Rev. Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition Concerned Women for America, the Eagle Forum, the American Family Association, the Family Research Council and the Traditional Values Coalition.

We witnessed the mean-spiritedness and the vicious attacks of these people at the 1992 Republican National Convention.

The thousands of African Americans who expressed their anger over the treatment of Lani Guinier now have the opportunity to denounce our unequivocal support for Dr. Elders by sending a strong and clear message to the members of the U.S. Senate.

African Americans in every state must call or write to their senators, urging support for the confirmation of Dr. Elders.

African Americans and other citizens of goodwill must aggressively meet the challenge of regressive forces in our society.

We can and must win this fight! Don't delay. Write today to member of the U.S. Senate in support of our sister, Dr. Joycelyn Elders, the superb nominee for U.S. Surgeon General.

by Connie Woodruff

In this year's governor's race in New Jersey Democrats and Republicans face the same dilemma: how to win a majority of the African-American vote for either Governor Jim Florio or Christine Todd Whitman in the general election.

More than ever the black voting bloc is pivotal in what appears to be the acclamation between incumbent governor and a tenacious challenger who also happens to be the first woman predicted as a possible winner for the state's highest elected office.

The African American vote can no longer be taken for granted by the Democratic Party. The recent primary election in East Orange proved the willingness and ability of blacks to stay in the fold if they do not believe things are not happening in the best interest of people of color.

The party perceived to be taking the African American voter for granted will be the party in big trouble this November and beyond. The days of blind loyalty to knee-jerk liberal-

ism exhibited in campaign rhetoric are grinding to a halt.

Even the old (white) campaign tactic of sending highly visible, well known blacks into the hustings to whip their relative, friends and assorted others into shape for the party candidate may not work this year.

Experience has taught us once the election is over, so is the importance of the messengers who spouted the party line. What illusion of power they have during a campaign disappears the day after. "Who needs that?" asked one of the young Turks who's been trying to get a job in Trenton for the last eight years.

Blacks are not the only minority knocking at the door of political opportunity. The Latino population in New Jersey is growing by leaps and bound and for the past decade their dynamism, young leaders have been cleverly manipulating power brokers in both major parties.

It will be interesting to see how the Florio and Whitman campaigns strategies to tap the mother lode of these voting blocs.

As of now African American

clout for Florio is wielded by gubernatorial appointees like Art Lewis, director of Minority Affairs in the governor's office, Jerry Harris, assistant state treasurer and Bonnie Watts, assistant commissioner, Dept. of community Affairs.

There are others playing less prominent roles and no doubt there will be other recruits when the campaign starts in earnest after Labor Day.

Nothing official has come out of the Whitman campaign headquarters but we know several enthusiastic volunteers are already on board: Burlington County Assemblywoman Priscilla Anderson, our AKA sorority sister, an activist-entrepreneur with political and business ties in Essex, Union, Middlesex and Monmouth counties.

We already know several local and state-wide ministers' council will offer their pulpits and parishioners for side debates between the candidates for governor. Similar debates will be offered as a highlight of the 1993 Black Issues Convention in September, as well as the NAACP state convention in October.

We "broke" history about Renia (Jobs) in Newark making a change in Jobs in Newark City Hall...now we've got to "unbreak" that story.

The real deal is Knight, long time receptionist-secretary to Councilman George Branch is not taking a job with Newark City Robert Marasco.

He has not offered the veteran employee a position on his staff and offered, she says she will not accept because she's "happy and satisfied" with her position in Councilman Branch's office and as of now the council has not indicated he is displeased with her performance on the job.

As the new Democratic Party Chairman in Essex county, Tom Giblin is committed to change and will begin with an overhaul of the party's bylaws. Among 15 appointees to a bylaw committee are many old familiar faces like Calvin West, Catherine Willis, Francis "Doc" McQuade, Lou Torco and John Thomas, former aide to Senator Frank Lautenberg.

## Justice will prevail for Gavin Gato



by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

With the release of the report reviewing the events which led to the disturbances and riots in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn last year, we have another example of the disdain and disrespect in which the African American community is held by members of the white establishment.

While the central focus of attack was directed at Mayor Dinkins, and former New York City Police Commissioner Lee Brown, the report failed to deal with the murder of Gavin Gato, and the long standing injustices suffered over many years by our people of African descent living in Crown Heights.

The focus wasn't on how the untimely death of Gavin Gato, and the callous and insensitive manner in which it was handled sparked a fuse that had been burning and waiting to explode. It didn't deal with the fact that the driver of the car that struck and killed Gato was never charged with reckless driving since he ran a red light or even any minor traffic charges.

The report didn't highlight the fact that the driver was safely ushered out of the country to avoid having to face the consequences of his

actions.

It, however, has been used primarily as a political document, not to shed light on the incident or examine the real truth. Instead, various sections were leaked over the last three to four weeks and has been used by opponents and enemies of Mayor David Dinkins to berate, browbeat and embarrass him in the midst of his re-election campaign.

To listen to the verbal abuse being heaped on Dinkins, you would have thought he was the person responsible for killing Gavin Gato, and then personally started the riots.

Dinkins is being blamed for not being able to "control" black people from rebelling against the blatant double standards that exists in this country, when it comes to justice giving for a black man, woman or child.

People choose to ignore the realities that the riot was started because residents have lived for years in the Crown Heights community, watching and witnessing the special treatment afforded to members of the Hasidic Jewish community.

Dinkins couldn't control the outbreak of the rebellion because he was powerless—even as the Mayor of one of the most important cities in the world—to make sure that the same rules of law, order and justice be applied to all without regard to race, color or religion.

If a Hasidic child had been struck down by a black man or woman in a similar incident, I'm confident that individual wouldn't have left the accident scene alive. He/she would have been beaten and stoned to death by members of the Hasidic sect before the police or anyone else arrived.

Politicians would have immediately called for the arrest, capture and prosecution, if, by the slimmest chance the person(s) would have escaped the lynch mob.

While some may call these statements exaggerated or extreme, one has only to know firsthand (which I do) how this sect operates, and the special treatment which it does enjoy, courtesy of the New York City Police Department/71st Precinct.

The report doesn't seek to expose these truths, because it would require long term efforts and work to right the many wrongs which still exist. Reverend Daughtry, and Reverend Al Sharpton, on behalf of the Gato family, are seeking to get the Justice Department to do a special investigation about the Gavin Gato incident, along with the historical problems and tensions between the various segments of the black community and the Hasidim.

Until an impartial and fair investigation is conducted, the tensions will not go away with the release of this report, instead, they will continue to fester, and will eventually lead to another rebellion in the future.

## Free speech applies to religion, too

by Samuel K. Atchison

Children, according to the old adage, are to be seen and not heard. The idea behind this maxim is that youngsters, while often cute and cuddly, bring nothing of substance to adult discourse. As such, they should have the good sense to keep their mouths to a minimum and, in any case, out of the earshot of their elders.

Such is the way many view the religious community. There are those within our society who would prefer that people of faith be relegated to the sidelines, speaking only when spoken to, and even then only in the most obsequious terms.

A case in point is a column by Tom Teepen decrying two recent Supreme Court rulings clarifying the free speech rights of religious groups. While not challenging the essence of the rulings, Teepen, a national correspondent for Cox Newspapers, nevertheless feels that there is a fiendish plot afoot.

Specifically, he takes aim at Regent University's American Center for Law and Justice, which was on the winning side of a high court ruling providing religious groups with access to public schools, after-school meetings, where other groups are using the same facilities. "The American Center," he argues, "is the activist legal arm of the TV preacher and conspiracy theorist, Pat Robertson, and it is not out just to nail down constitutional fine points."

While the law center's chief

counsel Jay Sekulow purports to seek "equal access to the marketplace of ideas for religious people," Teepen senses something deeper, contending the reason is in the evangelism business, not the rights business.

Teepen fears the implications of a Supreme Court decision to let stand an appellate ruling allowing student prayers at graduation ceremonies.

Though the ruling currently applies only to states in the Fifth Circuit — Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi — "Robertson's law center is pushing school districts everywhere to allow student-led graduation prayers, and Sekulow has promised to dispatch 'legal SWAT teams' around the country to argue that there is a constitutional right for free prayer."

Thus we come to Teepen's real concern. For at the heart of his protestations, I suspect, is less an apprehension about the so-called "invasion" of religion in school life than it is the spread of religion's influence in public life.

The irony, of course, is that until a generation ago, such influence was taken for granted. In the main, Americans had few problems rendering to God and Caesar what each was due. The problem arose when it became increasingly apparent that a serious gap existed between what the country said it believed in and stood for, and the way it lived its collective life.

For an entire generation — in civil rights, in the assassination of a president and two other national leaders, in the credibility gap that furored and widened as the result of

Vietnam and Watergate, in the revelations of FBI duplicity in the personal lives of American citizens, and CIA complicity in the internal affairs of sovereign nations — the country was weighed in the balances and found wanting.

The fact that many who grew up during that era rejected the faith of their parents — throwing out the baby with the bath water, so to speak — is, at the very least, understandable. Yet the resultant secularization of our society has done

nothing to ameliorate our problems, either individually or collectively.

Thus it is essential that we re-examine the values that the nation holds dear. Such an analysis necessarily requires a public airing of religious perspectives, particularly as they relate to ethics in decision-making.

As with all children, we will have to put up with the occasional tantrum or outburst. But, to paraphrase Art Linkletter, kids sometimes say the darndest things.

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**NEWARK**—The Newark Public Library and The Newark Museum presents the 19th Annual Black Film Festival. (Special Films for Children). The films will be shown at 2:30 p.m. at the library and 1 p.m. at the museum. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

**PLAINFIELD**—The Spell of Space: Fun and prizes for interstellar spellers. For ages 8 and up. 7 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library at 11 a.m. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 29

**PLAINFIELD**—"Visit to a Small Planet" starring Jerry Lenta will be shown at Plainfield Public Library at 11 a.m. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

**BATTERY PARK CITY**—Storyteller and folklorist Lisa Liska's Walking Tours of the haunted and historic Hudson, at 7 p.m. For more info, call 267-9700.

#### THRU JULY 30

**NORTH BRANCH**—The Raritan Valley Community College Department of Athletics is holding its 18th Annual Golden Lions Sports Soccer Camp to players ages 8 to 18. Register before July 26. Late registration fee is \$10. For more information call 908-526-1200, Ext. 8320.

**NEWARK**—"Madison Malone & the Case of the Missing Maps" with Touchstone Theatre Company will be at the Newark Museum in the Children's Theatre, 49 Washington St., Newark, NJ at 1:30 p.m. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 30

**PLAINFIELD**—Toddler Storytime for ages 1 to 3 yrs., at Plainfield Public Library. Time 11 a.m. Library is located on 8th St. at Park Ave., Plainfield, NJ. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 31

**SUMMIT**—Comic Book Art for ages 9-14. Workshop will be with Nancy Pennia at NJ Center for the Arts. For more info, call 908-273-9121.

#### THRU AUG. 1

**NEW YORK**—Children's Museum of the Arts in SoHo is offering workshop in bookwork from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 72 Spring St., between Broadway and Lafayette in SoHo, NY. For more info, call 212-941-9198.

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 2 - 13

**CRANFORD**—Union County College's Soccer Camp will have intensive training session for intermediate and advanced training for ages 8-17. The college will also be having Summer Tennis Camp for ages 9-17. For those who are interested call 908-709-7480.

#### THURSDAY, AUG. 5

**RUTHERFORD**—The Williams Center for The Arts and Williams Center Repertory Theatre will be having Acting Classes for teens, every Tuesday night from 7 to 10 p.m. Fee \$125. For more info, call 1-800-836-4932.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 3 - 24

**NEW YORK**—Artist Book Workshop for children 6-12 yrs., at Children's Museum of the Arts in SoHo. Workshops are from 9 to 4 p.m. on Tues., Wed. and Thurs. To register contact Kirk Torkin at 212-274-0986.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

**EAST ORANGE**—Cookies & Cream Summer, Children's Theatre at the Fellowship Civic Center at 11 a.m. For more info, call 201-266-5147.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 - 29

**NEW YORK**—Weekend Workshop for children 4 and older at the Children's Museum of the Arts in SoHo. Workshop will start 1 to 3 p.m. For more info, call 212-941-9198.

#### AUGUST 7 - 15

**NEW YORK**—Celebrate the second birthday of Hudson and Casey. The Aquarium's two baby beluga whales. Festivities begin at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the New York's Aquarium for Wildlife Conservation. For more info, call 718-265-FISH.

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

**NEW YORK**—Central Park Zoo will be having a special birthday party celebrating the fifth anniversary of the "new" zoo. For more info, call 212-663-6530.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

**CRANFORD**—Union County College's Soccer Camp will be having week-long intensive training session for beginners ages 8-12, also intermediate and advanced training for ages 8-17. Those who are interested call 908-709-7480.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

**METUCHEN**—The Forum Theatre presents the musical "Jack and the Beanstalk," at 1:30 p.m. For more info, call 908-548-0582.

**PATERSON**—The Family Educational Workshop Series presents Kids and the Courts understanding the court system. Admission is free at the Paterson Public Library, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more info, call 201-357-3093.

#### THURSDAY, AUG. 12

**NEWARK**—The Newark Museum will be having a Family Workshop, "Painted Places," every Thursday from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Junior Museum Studios for children ages 3 to 15. Museum is located at 49 Washington St., Newark, NJ. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

#### THUR. AUG. 13

**NEWARK**—Youngsters (ages 5 to 15) can see what it was like growing up in the Ancient Egypt time in the Junior Gallery at the Newark Museum, 49 Washington St., Newark, NJ. Event will take place every Wed., Thur., and Fridays. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

**JERSEY CITY**—Through "The Village Connection," a two-week pilot exchange program, four teenagers enrolled in the College Bound Program at Jersey City State College will visit Israel, July 14-28, while four Ethiopian Jewish students living at Yemin Orde Youth Village in Israel will be hosted by Jersey City State College.

The exchange students, ages 15-17, will have the opportunity to experience another culture first-hand by spending one week with a host family and another week on a college campus or in a youth village.

Guest students will visit schools, colleges, cultural sites, and attend seminars on multi-culturalism, language, student leadership and conflict resolution skills, maintain personal journals, and video tape their experiences.

The primary objective of the project, which is coordinated by the New Jersey Department of Higher Education and Jersey City State College, is to connect eight future leaders who have backgrounds that are similar in many respects, yet starkly different in

many ways. Dr. Carlos Hernandez, president of Jersey City State College, views the exchange program as "an exciting opportunity for the College to expand the boundaries of its urban mission to include another part of our global society."

"This unique teen exchange enables us to connect two 'villages' that

are thousands of miles apart, and to help nurture the leaders of the 21st century," Dr. Hernandez says.

The summer exchange program will be expanded to a four- to six-week exchange in 1994 and include approximately 20 students.

For further information about "The Village Connection" call Dr. Graham at (201) 200-2033.



Dr. King Essay winners: Eugene Saxon (left) and Darnel Henry (right) shown with Chancellor Avenue School Social Studies teacher Teresa Steele. Miss Steele submitted the student's essays for the contest.

## Students receive honorable mention in Dr. King contest

**NEWARK**—Eugene Saxon and Darnel Henry, former eighth grade students from Chancellor Avenue School in Irvington, received Honorable Mention certificates for their essays submitted for the 1993 Statewide Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest.

The students were required

to write a 500-750 word essay on the theme, "Peace Through Non-Violence."

More than 6,700 students in grades 3-12 from across New Jersey entered the seventh annual contest, according to Pearl Beatty, Executive Director of the State of New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission.

The essays were judged on originality, grammar, style, organization, clarity of expression and vocabulary.

## High School Redirection accepting applications

**NEWARK**—High School Redirection, Newark's alternative school for former dropouts between the ages of 17 and 21, is now accepting applications for September 1993 enrollment.

Newark residents who are interested in completing the requirements for a high school diploma are invited to stop by the school at 131 Thirteenth Avenue to fill out an application blank.

In operation since September of 1988, High School Redirection has been the answer for many serious minded young adults who realized

the need for a diploma and further education. If you want to get your life back on track, stop in and see whether this might be the place to work on moving ahead.

Applicants should have some previous high school credits. The school will be open each Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to accept applications. You may phone Mrs. Bell at (201) 733-7067 if you have questions or need further information. Applications will be accepted until available spaces are filled.



Oak Knoll graduates, (L-R) Sharonda Creer and Lynda Cavallos.

## Newark students graduate Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child

**NEWARK**—Sharonda, Captain and MVP of the Varsity Fencing Team, was the senior class representative to the Social Council. A member of the Peer Leader Steering Committee, she was also a member of "Jesters" and the Annual Rights Club. She will attend Hampton University.

Lynda, also a Peer Leader and past member of the Fencing team, is a active community service volunteer. She has contributed countless volunteer hours at St. Rose of Lima in Newark and at St. Joseph's Coalition to House the Homeless in Elizabeth. Lynda has merited a Benjamin Franklin Scholarship for study at Schiller International University in Germany.

## A unique camping experience for children with asthma

**UNION**—Children with asthma won't have to miss camp this summer thanks to the American Lung Association of New Jersey's "Camp Superkids," a fun-filled week designed to meet the special of youngsters with asthma.

At YMCA Camp Oceanic (Medford, NJ) 80 New Jersey children will spend the week roasting marshmallows, horseback riding, boating, telling camp stories and, most of all, learning how to manage the most chronic illness affecting children.

"The youngsters will enjoy a week-long camping experience with the benefit of 24-hour medical coverage," Dr. Gross said. "In addition to developing new friendships and building self esteem, the children will also learn how to manage their asthma through education and instruction."

"Camp Superkids" is funded

through public and corporate donations. Major contributors include Allen & Hanbury, American Association of Respiratory Therapy, Fisons Pharmaceuticals, Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., Merck & Co., Inc., Schering Laboratories, Sandoz Pharmaceuticals, The Kirby Foundation, NY Football Giants, Passaic Valley Rotary Club, the St. William's Office of the American Lung Association of New Jersey, the Sara Zook Foundation and The Provident Savings Bank.

This year's theme features a week-long celebration of every kid's favorite holidays. The "campers" will strut their stuff in the "Thanksgiving Day" talent show and dance the night away on "New Year's Eve."

For information about the program contact the American Lung Association of New Jersey at (908) 687-9340 or (201) 791-6600.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 2 THRU 6

**NORTH PLAINFIELD**—Vacation Church School will be held at Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church from 9 a.m. to noon. Kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome. Register at 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 2 or before at the church office, located at 170 Watchung Ave., N. Plainfield, NJ.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

**EAST ORANGE**—Afternoon of Gospel at Elmwood Park, located on Elmwood Ave. and Rhode Island Ave. in East Orange. Program starts 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more info, call 201-266-5252.

THUR AUGUST 29

**SCOTCH PLAINS**—Evangelical Church holds off its 1993 season of outdoor lawn concerts every Sunday at 6 p.m. The church is located on 1251 Terrell Rd., Scotch Plains, NJ. Admission is free. For more info, call 908-322-9300.

Send in your calendar events to:  
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## United Way hosts 'Day of caring'

**ELIZABETH**—Companies in Union County are invited to participate in a United Way 'Day of Caring' on September 10.

As a way to foster teamwork through group projects, United Way 'Day of Caring' offers employers the chance to volunteer at a local agency while learning how contributions made to United Way helps to fund special services for residents in need.

Volunteers will be assigned to activities according to their skills. They can participate in group projects or individual activities, such as, reading to children, painting at an agency, caring for the elderly or visiting the infirm. Activities will take place at different times throughout the day and most can be completed in a few hours.

For more information contact the United Way of Union County at (908) 820-5818.

# Elizabeth resident receives implantable heart device

**NEWARK**—A 42-year-old Elizabeth mother of two, is the first person in New Jersey to receive a totally implantable mechanical device to help her failing heart pump blood. She is now recuperating at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, where she is reported to be in good condition.

She received a Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) following 4

hours of open-heart surgery. The pump will be left in place until a suitable heart donor can be found, which physicians estimate usually takes up to 60 days.

Newark Beth Israel Medical Center is the only hospital in New Jersey presently performing heart and lung transplants. There are fewer than 20 hospitals nationwide approved for implanting the Thermo Cardiosystems

HEARTMATE 1000 IP pneumatic LVAD.

László Fuzesi, M.D. of Essex Fells reported, "She is now able to walk around and is gaining weight, so we are very pleased with her progress."

The patient, Miryam Salazar, was admitted to the medical center March 15 after she had lost more than 50 pounds and was no longer able to

breathe on her own.

A former secretary, she became ill after the birth of her second son, three years ago, and was diagnosed at that time with a disease of the heart muscles called postpartum cardiomyopathy.

"The LVAD is as close as you get to an artificial heart," added Mark Zucker, M.D., medical director of the medical center's Cardiothoracic

Transplant Program, who is responsible for the postoperative management of the patient.

"Because her condition is continuing to improve, she is becoming a better candidate for heart transplantation."

Eventually, the device must be removed as LVAD is only approved by the Food and Drug Administration on an experimental basis.

## Summer fun in the Orange Parks

**ORANGE**—Mayor Robert L. Brown of the City of Orange Township encourages residents to take a look and join in summer fun in the Orange parks.

The renovation of Metcalf and Central parks with new safety surfaces, playground equipment, as well as a renovated playing field and track at Central brings a new look to the parks.

"Over \$700,000 has been spent in renovating and beautifying the parks over the past five years."

Close to \$400,000 will be spent to complete renovations on Colgate and Ropes Parks. On any given day, we are proud to see residents and their children clearly happy to take advantage of the new look in our parks. We encourage others to do the same, commented the Mayor.

Arts and Crafts, pool dips, trips, games, a free lunch program and other activities are again offered in the Orange parks this summer. All are part of the Orange Department of Recreation's Summer Playground Program.

A new addition to tennis activities is the offering of free tennis lessons for young people eight to sixteen years old. Lessons are given Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Metcalf Park. No materials or equipment are needed.

In August, look for several special events at Central playground. Among these are: the Annual Jesse Miles Track and Field Competition on August 6th; the City Swim Competition on August 24th; Playground Day on August 25th.



Beat the heat! Orange residents enjoy a cool dip in Central Park pool, one of the city's four pools. Photo by Emile Dillon, Jr.

## New bill alerts pregnant women of the dangers of drug abuse

**TRENTON**—The General Assembly has approved legislation that will allow the distribution of pamphlets to warn pregnant women of the dangerous effects that drug use has on an unborn child.

The bill (A-1899), sponsored by Assemblyman Harry McEnroe, would use these pamphlets in an

effort to curb the growing number of infants in the state that are born with alcohol and drug dependencies.

"Many expectant mothers are unaware of the potential damage their drug or alcohol habits can have on a developing child," said McEnroe (D-Essex). "The neo-natal units in hospitals are over-loaded with these suf-

fering, sickly children."

McEnroe explained that the pamphlets would be designed and distributed by the State Department of Health. The booklets would contain information on the effects drugs and alcohol can have on a fetus and a nursing child.

"Statistics show that doctors have found 10-30 percent of infants in our

state are born to mothers who are substance abusers," he said. "If even one child is spared the painful drug-withdrawal process, this measure will be a success."

Under the measure, the pamphlet would be distributed to all medical facilities, including clinics, hospitals, emergency walk-ins and doctors' offices.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

**NEWARK**—Newark Black Film Festival, a summer festival of films by black filmmakers and films featuring the history and culture of black people in America and elsewhere. The festival will be held at The Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad St., Newark, N.J., at 7 p.m. Admission free. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

**NEW YORK**—Ousmane Sembène's "Guelwaar," will premiere at the Lincoln Plaza. For more info, call 212-507-7855.

**NEWARK**—The Newark Museum will be giving a trip to the Noguchi Garden Museum. For more info, on the trip call 201-596-6550.

THURSDAY, JULY 29

**NEWARK**—Bob Ackerman & Pam Purvis create a joyous blend of voice and flute at Alice Ransom Dreyfus Memorial Garden of The Newark Museum, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

**NEWARK**—Live Jazz every Thursday at the Robert Treat Hotel, Fifty Park Place, Newark, N.J. From 5 p.m. until. Performing will be Joe Scott. For more info, call 201-622-1000 or 622-2153.

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**JULY 29, 30, 31 AND AUG. 1**  
WAYNE—"Unsung Cole (And Classics Too)," a musical toast to the famous American composer and lyricist Cole Porter will be presented at William Paterson College. Thurs., Fri., Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sun. at 3 p.m. For more info, call 201-596-2731.

FRIDAY, JULY 30

**HOLMDEL**—Garden State Arts Center presents the Temptations & Four Tops in concert. For info, call 908-442-9200.

## 'Another Stake Out'

**LOS ANGELES**—(Left to right) Seattle detectives Bill Palmera (Emilio Estevez) and Chris Leoco (Richard Dreyfuss) are back for another stakeout. This time, they're temporarily assigned with Assistant District Attorney Gina Garrett (Roale O'Donnell), to help locate Lu Delano (Cathy Moriarty), a key witness in a Las Vegas mob trial who has gone underground. Photo: Doug Curran



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## 'Meteor Man' lands in theatres nationwide

**HOLLYWOOD**—Hit by a magical emerald meteor, inner city school teacher Jefferson Reed (Townsend) suddenly finds he possesses superpowers.

Now hailed as 'The Meteor Man'—notwithstanding his fear of heights, which for a time limits his flying altitude to only four feet off the ground—the once timid school teacher is forced to become a real hero.

With the encouragement of his parents, friends—and even his dog—Jeff finds that his greatest power is helping neighbors to help themselves, and soon learns that true courage doesn't come from a costume with a cape.

The star-studded supporting cast includes such luminaries as Bill Cosby, James Earl Jones, Robert Guillaume, and Maria Gibbs, with a major soundtrack tie-in from Mowtown.

"The Meteor Man" also features several of today's hottest recording artists in acting roles, including Luther Vandross and rap stars Another Bad Creation, Big Daddy Kane, Biz Markie, Cypress Hill and Naughty by Nature.

Though inspired by the swash-buckling heroes of his childhood, Townsend did add a few touches of his own.

The Meteor Man is a superhero for the '90s—he's from the neighborhood and he's African-American. In

fact, he is the first African-American movie superhero in history.

Townsend stated, "In Hollywood, we're never the hero—we're the assistant to the hero. I am hoping the Meteor Man will give kids something to aim for, to help them say—I can be a hero, I can do something great in my life."

"I wanted to create a true superhero, but I wanted him to be a regular guy. Jefferson Reed started out as a normal person who doesn't want to get involved. I think that really reflects what's going on in society today."

Reuniting with Townsend on "The Meteor Man", is the producer of "The Five Heartbeats," Loretha Jones, marking their third collaboration following that film and HBO's "The Best of Robert Townsend and His Partners in Crime."

Jones was particularly proud of the amazing array of talent assembled for "The Meteor Man."

"It was a major coup to assemble such an eclectic and talented cast. From legends like Bill Cosby and James Earl Jones, to the kids in Another Bad Creation, we were really excited to have been able to bring such varied entertainers together in one project."

"I wanted to launch 'The Meteor Man'—no pun intended—with a terrific ensemble cast," says Townsend, "so I looked for people I not only respected, but with whom I have al-



(from left to right) Robert Guillaume, (seated), James Earl Jones, Maria Gibbs, Marilyn Coleman, and Robert Townsend star in MGM's adventure "The Meteor Man". Photo: Elliot Marks

ways wanted to work. I called everybody on that list—and everybody said 'yes!'"

Townsend broke both aspects of the cardinal rule about never working with children or animals, as he also had to master the technique of working with the four-legged members of his cast.

With the help of animal wrangler Brian MacMillan, Townsend directed the small band of dogs that

appear in the film.

Principal photography on "The Meteor Man" began in Los Angeles, but as filming started, history was also being made in the city.

"We started filming just before the riots hit. In the middle of all that, I was creating a film about the superhero of the '90s, and it made me feel even more helpless, because, if there were ever a need for a superhero, it was right then and there."

"My vision for 'The Meteor Man' was to create a fantasy—and yet tell a story about people coping in today's world."

"This average schoolteacher starts out like everybody else—if there is danger on his side of the street, he crosses the street. Finally, he begins to find the real hero within himself. I think everybody has a hero inside of them...it's just deciding to be that hero."

## First Annual Soul Train Comedy Awards

**LOS ANGELES**—Hollywood will host its first Annual Soul Train Comedy Awards, to air nationally on August 16-22, 1993. Whoopi Goldberg, Damon Wayans and Martin Lawrence are among those who received multiple nominations.

"Boomerang" was the most-nominated film, with its cast earning six nominations: "In Living Color" was the most-nominated tv program, with seven members of its cast in contention for trophies.

Other multiple nominees include Sinbad and Tisha Campbell, who earned two nominations. The Richard Pryor Entertainer of the Year Award, will be presented to Arsenio Hall.

Nominees for the "Soul Train Comedy Awards" represent the year's funniest performers who specialize in African American humor while working in television, film and stand-up comedy.

The artists nominated in the film and television categories, were se-

lected through a broad-based poll of over 3,000 African-American tv viewers and movie-goers including radio station program directors, managers of retail music and video outlets, recording artists, stand-up comedians and actors and actresses working in the comedy field.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

**NEWARK** — Washington Community Development Corporations welcomes Dennis Marco, Vice President, Corporate Communications, Blue Cross & Blue Shield at 8 a.m. at New Jersey Bell. For info call 201-648-0782.

AUGUST 5-6

**DENVER, CO.** — National Minority Supplier Development Council Business Fair at Colorado Convention Center. For info call Rocky Mountain Regional Minority Supplier Development Council at 303-595-0735.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

**BRIDGEWATER** — NJAWBO introduces new training program "Grow Smart" helps women business owners get on the fast track to increased profitability. Course runs Aug. 9, 10, 23, 24. For info call 908-707-0173.

AUGUST 10-13

**NEW YORK** — The American Management Association will offer "How To Sharpen Your Business Writing Skills," a hands-on seminar that lets you practice proven business writing techniques as you learn them. For info call 518-891-0865.

AUGUST 15-18

**NEW YORK** — The American Management Association presents three-day seminar "Strategies for Developing Effective Presentation Skills." Learn how to deliver presentation that is clear, informative, memorable, motivating, and convincing. For info call 518-891-0368.

AUGUST 19-21

**LOS ANGELES, CA** — Blacks in Government Fifteenth Annual National Training Conference "Crossing a Climate of Change" at the Western Bonaire Hotel. Only national training conference specifically geared to the concerns of black public servants. For info call 202-667-3280.

by William Reed

The current African American approach to its internal development is like the old saying: "if it wasn't for bad luck, we'd have no luck at all."

The NAACP put its focus on Denny's restaurants is an example of our preferring to be suffering victims rather than victors.

If you listen to the many who are jaw-jacking on the radio and from the pulpits in black community, they will tell you that, "the NAACP got took" by Denny's and its CEO, Jerry Richardson. This has to be a classic case of our snatching from the jaws of victory.

Stung by multiple claims of overt discrimination at its Denny's restaurants, the parent company, Flagstar, has committed to spend \$1 billion over the next seven years to hire and train black executives with black-owned businesses.

The product of over 18 months of

negotiations, the accord outlines actions that Flagstar is to take through the year 2000. The chain agreed to buy nearly \$700 million in food, paper, and supplies from black-owned businesses.

Flagstar will launch a training and recruitment program to help black representation in its management ranks from 4.4 percent to 12 percent.

They will add 33 black-owned franchises, up from just one, to the roster of 1,455 Denny's restaurants across the country.

Richardson's company also agreed to funnel Flagstar business to black accountants, lawyers, ad agencies and banks. All rolled, the value of the pact is estimated at \$1.01 billion. But many of the blacks, who still prefer to be victims, rather than victors, are saying that Denny's has not suffered enough for its sins and, in that light, the NAACP "got took."

But these people are so used to receiving bad luck that they can't see

good fortune when it's staring them in the face. They haven't lifted their eyes, or minds, and noticed that the

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# Sporlight

by R. L. Greene

Jesse Jackson is back in the race. The only question is what he is running for? Having decided to forego last year's presidential race, then apparently unable to come to an agreement with Bill Clinton before the Arkansas governor won the nation's highest elective office.

Jesse has been without a power base, a way to stay in the public eye and, just perhaps, shape policy or have a strong hand to play in choosing exactly who runs the government and/or who gets the high-profile jobs.

But these days, Jesse Jackson is very much a part of the evening television news. As any good politician would do and no one has said Jesse was not a good politician, only that he has never been elected—Jackson has found the key to providing television sound bites on a semi-regular basis.

This time, he's lauded upon something that cuts across those artificial racial, ethnic, religious and sexual barriers that keep getting in this country's way of moving ahead. Jesse has discovered sports.

There he was in Baltimore at the All-Star game with his National Rainbow Coalition, cajoling baseball to adopt an affirmative action plan, demanding that owners put more minorities and women into front-line jobs.

"Jackie Robinson Didn't Give Up And Neither Will We," read one

placard carried by the demonstrators. Another said: "More Jobs, Less Talk."

Jackson has been busy on the National Football League front as well, fighting the efforts of Jerry Richardson to obtain an expansion team for Charlotte, N.C. Jesse says Richardson doesn't deserve a franchise because his company owns Denny's Restaurants, which have accused of racism.

Despite the latter sign, Jesse wanted more talk with the same people with whom he spoke at owners' meeting in Arizona earlier in the year. After all, the All-Star game is one of baseball's biggest showcases, a place where all the media has gathered and, therefore, where anything that happens automatically becomes BIG news.

Besides, the National Rainbow Coalition picking out front of the stadium is a much more interesting picture for the news telecast than some routine play at second base that can be seen at every night of the season.

"I love baseball. I'm a season ticket holder, but I love fairness more," said Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and another politician who knows a television camera when he sees one. "This is designed clearly to embarrass major league baseball... into doing what you would think they ought to be doing on their own."

In this case, it's not only Richardson that Jesse is battling. Black leaders in North Carolina and

Charlotte say Jesse says Jesse is offside in this case.

"Nobody needs the calvary; nobody needs a white knight," North Carolina NAACP president Kelly Alexander said of Jackson's jumping into the fray uninvited. "In my humble opinion, the NAACP was there, seemed to be working to resolve these problems. Most people in Charlotte would prefer us having a team. Most people would prefer fast service at Denny's."

The U.S. Justice Department has claimed Denny's restaurants in California forced black customers to pay for their meals in advance, denied others service and refused to honor its system-wide free birthday meal for some blacks.

Richardson is the chief executive officer of TW Services, which owns the Denny's chain, and Richardson Sports, which is seeking the NFL team for Charlotte.

"The people of Charlotte deserve a franchise, but TW Services doesn't deserve a franchise unless they change their policies irreversibly," said Jackson, who called it improper for a league in which 65 percent of the players are black to welcome a new member with corporate ties to a business where black customers have repeatedly been claimed to have been treated unfairly.

There's no question that Jesse Jackson is correct in his assessment of both baseball and football. Blacks in both sports have found it hard to stay in the game once their playing days are done.

But can local black leaders force change through quiet resistance? Or do they need Jesse Jackson? And if they don't, then why is Jesse running so hard?

## 'Mac Report' premiers on BET

NEW YORK—An exciting new program will premiere on Saturday, July 17 on Black Entertainment Television nationwide at 7:30 p.m. (EST), entitled, "The Mac Report."

"The Mac Report" is a 30 minute presentation which is the story of the McDonald's quick service restaurant chain and what it stands for as a business a franchise system and a community partner.

The central theme of the program revolves around the cornerstone philosophy of McDonald's, articulated by founder Ray A. Kroc more than three decades ago, that a business must give back to the communities that supports it. This principle has been an integral part of the McDonald's system ever since.

"The Mac Report" profiles individual and collective success stories that are of particular relevance of the African American community, three of the in-state area's restaurant owners are featured for a variety of involvements and accomplishments.

Jim Henderson, who owns and operates a location in Paterson, NJ; Carole Kiley, who has two locations in New York's historic Harlem; and Linda Dunham, who with husband Lee owns several locations in New York and New Jersey.

McDonald's presentation of "The Mac Report" is another example of the commitment of the corporation and its individual franchisees to give something back to the communities in which it does business.

Other examples include its annual fundraising efforts on behalf of

the United Negro College Funds, sponsorship of McDonald's Gospel Fest programs across the country and the establishment of Ronald

McDonald Houses, which provide a home-away-from-home for the families of seriously ill children while they are being treated.

## Amateur golf championship

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## AAA purchasing tips

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o Check a vehicle from top to bottom. Inspect under the hood and car for fluid leaks and signs of damage. Look for rust inside and out, especially in the wheel wells, under the floorboard carpet and in low areas of the trunk.

o Start the engine and observe if any blue, black or white smoke is emitted in the exhaust. Try all accessory equipment to be sure everything works. Test drive the car. Note if it pulls to one side, hesitates when accelerating, wanders on the road or brakes with undue vibration or noise.

o Make sure the odometer reading is consistent with paperwork or past receipts. Be suspicious of a low-mileage car with signs of excessive wear, such as worn foot pedals or seat covers.

o Look for signs the vehicle has been in an accident. Watch for mismatched paint, uneven sheet metal, paint overspray or welding on the

undercarriage.

Federal legislation enacted in 1992 should prevent unscrupulous or unaware dealers from selling cars that have been in a crash—even "totaled"—by an insurance company—and then repaired and sold as undamaged. The law requires a national computer system to verify auto titles and encourages uniform state title standards. The system is expected to be ready by 1995.

o It's a good idea to have a reputable mechanic inspect the vehicle and give you a written report about its mechanical and physical condition. This is especially important if you have any doubts about the car's soundness or accident history.

o Compare a vehicle's price to similar models in the classified advertisements. Check the retail and wholesale value of a used car in the national Automotive Dealer's Association Official Used Car Guide available at your local bank or library.

By knowing a used car's potential worth and taking a few precautions before deciding to buy, you can improve your chances of getting a peach—rather than a lemon.

## NAACP protest

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done. Once the local chapters were made aware, letters and phone calls poured into national headquarters opposing the board's actions. We talked about this on radio and TV talk shows. We wrote letters to the editors. We held press conferences, and we asked the National Board to rescind its resolution or we would picket the convention with others from around the country, even some presidents of local NAACP chapters.

Representatives of Benjamin Chavis, NAACP president, and William Gibson, NAACP Board Chairman, were seen in Indianapolis to meet with Pastor Damon Roach, Muhammad Siddiq, us, and others. We told them our position:

We vehemently oppose the NAACP's Executive Board's actions. We believe the ban on gays in the military should not be lifted, that gay and lesbian rights are not analogous to the legitimate civil rights struggle of Black Americans to obtain full citizenship and felt that the April 25 gay and lesbian march on Washington was a cruel parody and mockery of the civil rights "March on Washington" led by Martin Luther King Jr.

We said if the NAACP would publicly announce that it would rescind its resolution, we would not picket the convention. Instead, the local chapter denounced us and Dr. Gibson said in news reports, "We basically feel that no groups should be discriminated against in America."

So we picketed. Since then, there have been attempts by the supporters of the NAACP's stance to label us as "funded by the captive of right-wing

zealots." We are not. We are average, hard-working, church-going Indianapolis residents concerned about our children, our community, and our nation. We have not received one dime from anyone outside our group. Who funds the NAACP?

It is amazing to us that when Black Americans dare to challenge the liberal orthodoxy, the "political correctness," we are called all sorts of names. Justice Clarence Thomas recently spoke of this in a speech he delivered to students at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. He said, "Instead of seeing signs on public doors saying 'no coloreds allowed' the signs [I see now are] 'no conforming ideas allowed.' This act of damning the dissenter by skewering his character, rather than by substantially criticizing his views, occurs with unyielding praise is heaped on those who speak, write, and think the language of the new orthodoxy. Their assertions go unchallenged, untested, and then are passed on to our children as truths. The ultimate effect is that many cower in fear of speaking out publicly on certain issues or policies due to the unrelenting personal attacks that are likely to follow. This is what I refer to as the 'new intolerance.'"

The Saturday protest—both inside and outside the NAACP's convention site—is our "Declaration of Independence." And, we declare that we will not "cower in fear" and will continue to stand up, speak out, and take action when we believe something is wrong and not helpful to our race, our children, community, or country.

The NAACP is wrong on this issue and they know it.

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